

**Mansfield Board of Education  
September 10, 2015  
Minutes**

**Attendees:** Randy Walikonis, Chair, Jay Rueckl, Vice-Chair, Martha Kelly, Secretary, Susannah Everett, John Fratiello, Sarah Lacombe, Katherine Paulhus, Carrie Silver-Bernstein, Kathy Ward

The meeting was called to order at 7:33pm by Mr. Walikonis

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- June 11, 2015 Meeting: Motion by Mr. Rueckl, seconded by Ms. Ward, to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2015 meeting. Vote: Unanimous in favor with Mr. Fratiello in abstention.
- June 23, 2015 Special Meeting: Tabled until September 24, 2015
- August 18, 2015 Special Meeting: Motion by Ms. Everett, seconded by Mrs. Paulhus, to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2015 meeting. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

**RECOGNITION AND CELEBRATION:** The administrators introduced the new certified staff for the 2015-2016 school year.

**HEARING FOR VISITORS:** The following residents spoke regarding school bus transportation: Nancy Gifford and Kimberly Christenson, Nancy Trudeau, Kyle Kravchuk, Kay Wille, Beth DeRicco, Phil DeRicco. The following residents spoke regarding the Mansfield Challenge Program: Carol Budzinski, Kit Andersen, Jon Andersen.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Emails were received regarding bus transportation from the following residents: Ellen Tulman, Nancy Barry (MBOE Employee), Karen Molloy (MBOE Employee), Michelle Rosado, Matt Shepard, Jason Chandler, Alicia Almagro, Brenda Barney, Beth DeRicco, Ana Diaz, Carol Atkinson-Palombo, Prescott Powers, Sharon Luc. Watson Stokland.

**ADDITIONS TO THE PRESENT AGENDA:** None

**BOARD REPORTS:**

- Finance Committee: Mr. Walikonis reported the committee reviewed and accepted the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Financial Report and recommends the Board accepts it in the Consent Agenda. The year ended within the budget. The committee also reviewed and approved the Budget Transfers 2014-2015 and recommends the Board accepts it in the Consent agenda.
- Policy Committee: Mr. Rueckl reported the Policy Committee will meeting on August 28, 2015 at 6:00pm at the Mansfield Middle School
- Board Retreat: Mr. Walikonis proposed to reschedule the Board Retreat to the October 22, 2015 meeting for a workshop on Goal Setting. The September 23, 2015 meeting will be a regular Board meeting and will be held at Goodwin School. The October 8, 2015 meeting will be at Mansfield Middle School.

**INFORMATION, PRESENTATIONS, AND ACTIONS:**

- Transportation: Mrs. Lyman provided an update on the status of changes to the bus runs developed to address concerns from 2014-2015 and previous years.
- Challenge Program: Curt Vincente, Director of Mansfield Parks and Recreation, Chuck Leavens, Director Mansfield Challenge Program, Candace Morell, Principal, Mansfield Middle School, and Kathleen Kissane, E.O. Smith senior and staff member of Mansfield Challenge 38 reviewed the success of the program and thanked the Board for their support.
- Summer Programs
  - Books on Bus: Dr. Robinson reviewed the summer program the Board sponsors to bring library books to the community on school buses.
  - Summer School: Dr. Leclerc reviewed the special education summer school which was held at Goodwin School for PK-4 students and at Mansfield Middle School for 5-8 students
  - MMS Achievement & Challenge Camp: Mrs. Morell reviewed the summer program at the middle school.
- Field Trip Request: Mrs. Morell asked the Board to approve the annual Fiddlehike Trip to New Hampshire. Motion: Mr. Rueckl, seconded by Mr. Fratiello, to approve the Fiddlehike Field Trip, September 25<sup>th</sup> – September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Vote: Unanimous in favor.
- CSDE Bureau of Health/Nutrition Authorized Signature Change Form (ED-099): Mrs. Lyman reported the State requires the Board authorize the signature change form with the appointment of a new superintendent. Motion by Mr. Rueckl, seconded by Ms. Ward, to revise the Authorized signers of the ED-099 Agreement for Child Nutrition Program to designate Kelly M. Lyman, Superintendent of Schools, and Cheryl A. Trahan, Director of Finance, as authorized signers. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

NEW BUSINESS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Mrs. Paulhus, seconded by Ms. Everett that the following item for the Board of Education September 10, 2015 meeting be approved or received for the record. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves the Budget Transfers 2014-2015. (Encl.)

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education accepts the 2014-2015 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Financial Report. (Encl.)

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education accepts the request for maternity and unpaid childrearing leaves of Kimberly Core, teacher, Southeast School effective approximately September 2, 2015 for 1—12 weeks and Denise Proffer, teacher, Southeast School effective October 12, 2015 through March 6, 2016. (P. 38)

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves the employment of: (P. 41)

William Bergan, Teacher, Mansfield Middle School, effective August 24, 2015 at an annual salary of \$85,750, Level 2, Step 14 of the Teachers' Salary Schedule.

Lindsey Clark, Teacher, Mansfield Middle School, effective August 24, 2015 at an annual salary of \$48,535, Level 1, Step 1 of the Teachers' Salary Schedule.

Margaret (Pallis) Cofrancesco, Teacher, Mansfield Middle School, effective August 24, 2015 at an annual salary of \$53,584, Level 2, Step 2 of the Teachers' Salary Schedule.

Kimberly Core, Teacher, Southeast Elementary School, effective August 24, 2015 at an annual salary of \$85,750, Level 2, Step 14 of the Teachers' Salary Schedule.

Margaret Curtis, Teacher, Mansfield Middle School, effective August 24, 2015 at an annual salary of \$85,750, Level 2, Step 14 of the Teachers' Salary Schedule.

Kaye Jakan, Reading/Language Arts Consultant, Mansfield Public Schools, effective August 24, 2015 at an annual salary of \$75,883, Level 2, Step 13 of the Teachers' Salary Schedule.

Valerie Moseley, Teacher, Mansfield Middle School, effective August 24, 2015 at an annual salary of \$58,763, Level 2, Step 5 of the Teachers' Salary Schedule.

Alissa Philopena, School Psychologist, Southeast Elementary School, effective August 24, 2015 at an annual salary of \$53,255, Level 4, Step 1 of the Teachers' Salary Schedule.

Katherine Sutton, Teacher, Mansfield Middle School, effective August 24, 2015 at an annual salary of \$42,867, Level 2, Step 2 of the Teachers' Salary Schedule.

Joshua Tamosaitis, Teacher, Vinton Elementary School, effective August 24, 2015 at an annual salary of \$51,135, Level 1, Step 2 of the Teachers' Salary Schedule.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: Mrs. Kelly suggested report on the Student Activity Fund, discussion of audio recording meetings not held in Council Chambers, TV recording in Chambers, reinstating transportation committee, and process for superintendent contract.

Motion by Mr. Fratiello, seconded by Mrs. Paulhus to adjourn at 10:00pm. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Celeste Griffin, Board Clerk